SECTION: CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121, a complete listing of all claims in the application, and their status, is set forth below. The text of each pending claim is also provided. Please amend the pending claims as follows, wherein added matter is underlined and deleted matter is ~~strikenthrough~~ or [[double bracketed]] in the text of the currently amended claims, relative to the immediate prior version. The claims in this listing are deemed to replace all prior claims in the application.

1.   (Original) An Automatic Performance Calibration (APC) technique comprising monitoring transactional performance of a device and re-calibrating the device automatically as required in order to achieve a pre-determined performance level.

2.   (Original) A technique according to Claim1, wherein the technique uses a method comprising the steps of (a) generating a score each time a match is made between data input using a reader and representative of a biometric characteristic and stored data; (b) calculating an average value of the scores for a plurality of matches; (c) comparing the calculated average value with a predetermined performance threshold; and (d) adjusting the calibration of the reader in response to the result of the comparison in step(c).

3.   (Original) A technique according to Claim 2, wherein the average score is calculated for a batch of a predetermined number of matches.

4.   (Currently Amended) A technique according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, wherein a

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plurality of devices are provided.

5.   (Original) A technique according to Claim 4, wherein a change in threshold value is implemented centrally and effects all or a selection of the reader devices.

6.   (Currently Amended) A technique according to Claim 4 ~~or Claim 5~~, wherein the devices are all of the same type.

7.   (Currently Amended) A technique according to Claim 4 ~~or Claim 5~~, wherein the devices are of a plurality of different types.

8.   (Canceled)

9.   (Canceled)